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3 Bodies Found

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI announced Tuesday the finding of three bodies in graves at a site of a dam near Philadelphia, Miss., where three civil rights workers disappeared six weeks ago.

The FBI said the bodies were found in a wooded area about six miles southwest of Philadelphia, where the three young men were last seen.

The three, Andrew Goodman, James Earl Chaney and Michael Henry Schwerner, were last seen on the night of June 21.

The FBI said a search party of FBI agents turned up the bodies late Tuesday afternoon while digging in thick woods and underbrush several hundred yards off Route 21. The agency said the bodies are be-

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ing removed to Jackson, Miss., where an effort will be made to identify them and determine the cause of death.

The FBI search for the three missing civil rights workers began June 22. The following day their 1963 station wagon was found abandoned and burned on a dirt road off Route 21 about 13 miles northeast of Philadelphia.

The site where the station wagon was found is approximately 20 miles from the graves found Tuesday, the FBI said in a statement.

Director J. Edgar Hoover said the FBI agents who found the three bodies were members of a search party which had been covering the southwest portion of Meshohia County by helicopter and on foot.

The three civil rights workers include a 21-year old Negro, Chaney, from Meridian, Miss., and two white New Yorkers — Goodman, 20, and Schwerner, 24.

They left Meridian late in the morning of June 21 for the purpose, they said, of investigating the June 16 burning of a Negro church in the Philadelphia area.

Chaney was arrested in Philadelphia for speeding about 4 p.m. The arresting officer, a deputy in the county sheriff office, also held Schwerner and Goodman for investigation.

The three were released some six hours later after Chaney, who was driving the station wagon, posted a \$20 bond.